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For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR ATTACHING)

A GRAFT TO A BLOOD VESSEL

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly cancel Claims 1-29 prior to examination.

Please add new Claims 30-84 as follows:

30. An anastomosis device for connecting an end of a graft vessel to a side of a target vessel, the anastomosis device comprising:

a one-piece continuous body configured to expand from a reduced insertion configuration to an expanded configuration; and

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